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PROPERTY
TO BE SOLDCouncil Will Tonight Pave the
Way for Disposal of the City
Hall and Site.

NEW HALL WILL BE ERECTED

Members Say They Will Oppose
Construction of Building That
Will Not Be Credit to
the City.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday issued a call for a special meeting of the council, to be held at 7:30 this evening. The call states that the council has been called together for the purpose of considering the ordinance authorizing the public committee of the council to sell the present city hall and the site upon which it stands for \$15,000. Chief of Police Hallock yesterday served notice upon members of the council, all of whom are in the city.

The ordinance authorizing the committee to dispose of the property and building was offered at the last meeting of the council by Councilman Burns. The bill provides that the committee on public property shall have authority to sell the property for \$15,000; that the committee's authority shall extend over a period of 60 days; that the city shall have 60 days in which to remove, and that during the time of its occupancy it shall pay the purchaser monthly rental of \$100. It is further provided that the money received shall go into a special fund, to be known as the city hall fund.

The ordinance was read the first and second times, and at tonight's session will be called up for third reading and final passage. In view of the fact that no opposition developed to the proposal for sale of the property at those previous meetings at which the bill was considered, it is unlikely there will be any effort on the part of any of the members of the council to block action this evening.

The offer submitted for the purchase of the city hall site and building comes through Frank Spittle, who is acting for E. M. Baker of this city and S. Morton Cohen, a Portland theater man. Mr. Spittle says the money is ready for deposit with the proper official when the bill to be called up tonight is passed. The intending purchasers are, as has been stated, to repair the building, fitting the first floor for theater purposes and the upper story for offices.

Sale of the property will leave the way open for the erection of the proposed new city hall. The present

building is wholly inadequate to the requirements of the municipality. If the council were unable to dispose of the property, the expenditure of a large sum—more than the building is worth—would be necessary to properly renovate the building. With the idea in view of avoiding this large expense, the council made provision for the building of a new city hall, and purchased the Taylor property, at Sixteenth and Exchange.

The money which will be received through the sale of the present site will merely form the nucleus of the city hall fund. Councilmen Morton and Burns stated last evening that they were opposed to the erection of a building that would not fill the needs of the city for many years to come, and that they would strive to secure a fund great enough to make possible the construction of a hall that would be a credit to the city. This view of the matter is entertained by other members of the council, but Mayor Surprenant has heretofore expressed the belief that the new building should not be a costly one.

Just where the city will establish its government headquarters in event of the sale of the property to Messrs. Baker and Morton is a question. It is expected, however, that temporary offices can be secured until school is out, and that the city will then go into the old engine house which is now used as a school house. This matter is yet to be determined, nothing definite having been decided upon.

Sheepman Killed.

Denver, June 1.—A special to the News from Caspar, Wyo., says that Lincoln Morrison has been perhaps fatally shot from ambush while driving through the town of Thermopolis. Morris has some sheep that graze on the range claimed exclusively by cattlemen. Not many months ago another prominent sheepman of Thermopolis was assassinated.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Pearl Jackson of Portland is visiting with Mrs. C. A. Coolidge of this city.

Miss Wilson of Seattle has returned to her home after an extended visit with friends in this city.

Captain H. A. Mathews left last evening for Corvallis to join Mrs. Mathews, who is visiting at that place.

Miss Mary Weldridge of Portland, who has been visiting with Astoria friends, returned to her home yesterday.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Torrey will leave tonight for Seattle, from which city they will sail on the steamship City of Seattle en route to Dawson.

The beer that made Milwaukee famous—Schlitz—is always on draught at The Grotto. Otto Mikkelsen, proprietor.

PRICES ARE
DECREASEDAstoria Millmen Cut Lumber
Schedule for Higher and
Lower Grades.

REDUCTION IS HEAVY ONE

For Better Grades It Runs From
\$2 to \$3 and for Rough Lum-
ber Varies From \$1 to
\$2 a Thousand.

The price of lumber went down yesterday. This will doubtless be surprising news to Astorians, but it is nevertheless very true. During the past few days the millmen of the city have been considering the matter of a revised scale of prices, and yesterday morning the new schedule went into effect.

The cut is a material one, and will save builders no inconsiderable amount during the summer rush of building operations. The new schedule shows that the greatest reduction has been made in the higher grades of lumber, although the reduction in lower grade prices is heavy.

H. F. Prael, general manager of the Clatsop Mill Company, said yesterday when questioned about the reduction: "The new schedule of rates, which went into effect today, merely meets the cuts which have been made elsewhere in the northwest. We have decided to meet the competition of outside mills, and the tariff agreed upon is below that of the Portland mills. Overproduction caused the cut elsewhere, and we have been compelled to reduce rates in consequence."

"The new schedule shows a reduction of from \$2 to \$3 per 1000 feet for the higher grades of lumber. For the lower grades the reduction varies from \$1 to \$2. All of the mills of this city have agreed to the new schedule of prices, which will prevail until further notice."

"Has any reduction been made in the price of lumber used for street-building purposes?" was asked.

"No," replied Mr. Prael; "the price of street lumber will remain as it has been for some time past. We believe the present price to be reasonable."

While the Astoria millmen have cut prices to meet reductions made elsewhere, the reduction was a voluntary one, as outside competition has not been very pronounced. The reduction is rather surprising in view of the fact that it is announced at a time when the lumber market is beginning to look up, after having been in bad shape for many months.

NEWSPAPER MAN LICKED.

Former Police Sergeant Attacks San
Francisco Reporter.

San Francisco, June 1.—Former Police Sergeant Wolf, who was instrumental in inducing members of the police force to invest in the Co-operative Mercantile Company, the defunct get-rich-quick concern, assaulted and seriously hurt a reporter of a city paper who had asked him questions concerning his connection with the swindle. Reporter Coblenz went to a saloon to see Wolf, but, failing to find him there, talked to him over the telephone. Wolf spoke pleasantly at first, then angrily, and at last he hung up the receiver with a bang. A moment or two later he swung open the doors of the saloon and began to abuse Coblenz.

He said: "Your paper is after me, and so are you. You can't get me, but I'll get you." Then suddenly he struck out with all his force, hitting Coblenz on the nose, breaking the bridge and

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cutting the reporter's face badly with a ring the ex-policeman wore. Coblenz fell back, and then the men in the place, Charles Goddard and Kilroy, rushed in and ordered Wolf out of the place, at the same time telling him his assault was unprovoked and cowardly in the extreme. Wolf then left in a hurry.

Coblenz sent for a surgeon and had his injuries dressed. Then he repaired to the Hall of Justice and swore out a warrant for Wolf's arrest upon a charge of assault with intent to do serious bodily harm. The warrant was issued by Police Judge Cabannis and placed in the hands of Detective Bailey for service. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$500 bonds or \$300 cash bail.

The collapse of the Co-operative Mercantile Company has caused widespread grief in this state. It appears that it had branches in several towns, and a large number of persons were made victims of the scheme.

BURNED HUSBAND'S BODY.

Repulsive Details of Horrible and In-
human Crime.

Monticello, Idaho, June 1.—Ida Deeky, daughter of Mrs. Kate Taylor, who is undergoing the second trial for the murder of her husband, Lafe Taylor, tells the story of the killing of her stepfather as witnessed by herself. The girl related the details of the shooting and the disposition of the body, which were of a most revolting character. Her mother, she said, cut off Taylor's head with an ax and put it into the stove. Then the older woman lighted a lantern and swung it around three times from the doorway. This brought Peter Yerkins, the girl's uncle, to the house. He asked if Lafe was dead and received an affirmative answer. Mrs. Taylor again took the ax and tried to cut off one of Taylor's legs, then laid the ax down before she had succeeded. Yerkins took the ax and finished cutting off the leg.

Ida says she went to bed and left Yerkins and her mother together with the body. When she arose the next morning, Yerkins had disappeared and her mother was still burning the body. At the previous trial it was brought out that Mrs. Taylor cut up the trunk of the body and put it in a cloth sack and placed the sack in a washtub, which she put in the cellar. Mrs. Taylor took the ashes and bones from the stove, pounded the bones and fed them to the chickens. The skull was not burned and it was brought back to the house and put in the stove again.

The Weather

Portland, June 1.—For Oregon: Thursday, showers; warmer Friday

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Excursion to Seaview.

Excursion to Seaview and return Sunday, June 5th. Steamer Nahcotta leaves O. R. & N. dock at 7 a. m. Fare for round trip, \$1.00. An excellent opportunity to see the wreck of the schooner Frank W. Howe.

Notice to Stockholders.

There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Lewis & Clark Telephone Line Saturday, June 4th, 1904, at Peterson & Brown's Shoe Store. By W. J. INGALLS, Chairman.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, will on or before the 2d day of June, 1904, receive sealed bids for the construction of the foundation of the Clatsop county court house to be erected on the block between Seventh and Eighth, Commercial and Duane streets in the city of Astoria, Oregon, said construction to include the furnishing of labor and material for the same, and all to be in accordance with the plans and specifications for the same now on file in the office of the county clerk of said county, and as prepared by E. M. Lazarus, architect. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of 10 per cent of the amount of the bid, that the bidder will enter into a contract if his bid is accepted, and the right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, May 23, 1904. By order of the county court. J. C. CLINTON, County Clerk.

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